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## **WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method of manufacturing a rotor for a high vacuum turbomolecular pump, comprising the steps of:

providing a workpiece being made of a material suitable for producing of said rotor; forging said workpiece to obtain a generally cylindrical body(1,11) having a homogeneous mechanical properties, and obtaining one or more sets of radial peripheral vanes thereon.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said generally cylindrical body is a cylindrical billet (1) that is obtained by forging through an axial compression (P<sub>1</sub>) thereof while preventing at the same time its radial expansion.
  - 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said rotor is a bell-shaped rotor.
- The method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of:
  forging said generally cylindrical body being a cylindrical billet (1) through an axial
  compression (P<sub>1</sub>), and

subsequently forming a cavity within said cylindrical billet by means of a punch (12) that is forced into the billet, while preventing at the same time radial expansions of the billet through confinement in a mold.

- 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the steps of forming a cavity comprising extending said cavity (13) over a part of said cylindrical billet and refining by subsequent mechanical working.
- 25 6. The method of claim 5, further comprising the steps of forming of a central bore on a bottom of said cavity and subsequently providing a thermal treatment for improving mechanical properties of said bell-shaped rotor.
- 7. The method as claimed in any preceding claim, further comprising a step of processing said at least one set of radial peripheral vanes by one or more techniques selected from the group consisting of milling, turning and electric discharge machining.
  - 8. A rotor for a turbomolecular pump produced by the method of claim 1.

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9. The rotor for a turbomolecular pump of claim 8, having parameters R, A and  $R_{0.2}$  that are constant in all directions throughout of said rotor.